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From Pastor Ruth Ann



O Come, All Ye Faithful!

King of Glory is delighted to offer two worship services on **Christmas Eve at 4:00pm and 7:00pm**. After two years of not gathering in person, it will be especially joyful to sing Christmas carols and partake of Holy

Communion together in the Lord's sanctuary. As is tradition, we will light our candles and see in each other's reflection the incarnation of Jesus, born to humankind. Dr. Jane has lovely music planned as well. Make your plans to attend. As this pandemic continues, we are not requiring people to sign up or limiting the amount of people in the sanctuary. If that causes concern, the 4:00pm worship service will be recorded to be viewed by worshippers at home. **We will be requiring masks** and you may take Holy Communion in your seat with pre-packaged elements. *Merry Christmas!*

King of Glory Annual Meeting: December 5, 9:45-10:30am in the Sanctuary

Our congregation belongs first to God and then to you, her people! Pastor Deb and Pastor Ruth Ann are honored to be your pastors in this time and for this season, but the church doesn't belong to them. It belongs to God first and then to you. You get to decide how much money is adopted for the budget. You vote new members into our Leadership Team. December 5th at the annual meeting is the time for you to ask questions and be informed about the coming year. The pandemic has had ongoing implications for what it means to be "church".

How will we continue to offer worship now that Pulse has brought high-speed internet into the building? Will the choir be able to sing together this year? It really is a great time to be church, because God is still here! There are so many possibilities for renewed ministry or new ministry. We might just

need to think outside the box. Come. This is your church. This is your chance to be Church for 2022.
Pr. Ruth Ann

December Worship Schedule



- December 5: 8:30 & 10:45am
- December 12: 8:30 & 10:45am
- December 18: Saturday worship as usual
- **December 19: 10:00am only**
(Lessons & Carols)
- **December 24: 4:00pm & 7:00pm**
Christmas Eve
- December 25: No Saturday worship
- **December 26: 10:00am only**

Our Medical Community

Did you know we have 17 individuals connected to King of Glory that are working in the medical field right now? They are still working as hard as ever to help people stay healthy during this pandemic. From home health care to doctors in the Emergency Room, these folks need our prayers. Please click the link on the Friday email to get to the prayer chain. Lift them to God who gives the strength they need to persevere. Our prayers make a difference!

Pastor Deb's Faith Formation Notes

December 2021

In October I participated in our L2F2 Women's Retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Over the course of the weekend we learned from



Shauna Niequist through video presentations and her book *Present Over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living*.

During this holiday season I really appreciate Shauna's invitation to be present over perfect. When daily life becomes full of things we want to do, or think we have to do, or are asked to do, it is important to ask ourselves how we can be present in our own life.

So how will you be present this holiday season? How will you be present with yourself? Take time to pray, rest, do something you enjoy, sing your favorite Christmas carol. And how will you be present with others? Will you worry over finding the perfect gift or making the perfect cookie? Or will you give the gift of your time and attention and love to another person?

This holiday season let's remember to be present and give thanks for God who is always present with us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Deb - debabbottkog@gmail.com
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Confirmation Learning Experience

Confirmation class in December is on Sunday, **December 5** at King of Glory, 12:45-2:00pm. Please bring your Bible and notebook.

Girl Talk

In December, Girl Talk will meet on December 7 and 14 and will not meet on December 21 and 28 for Christmas break. Youth in 6th – 8th grade are invited to Girl Talk every Tuesday. Conversations are led by trained high school leaders and supervised by adult advisors. Meets every Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm at King of Glory.

Man Cave – 2nd Tuesdays

On December 7 youth in 6th-8th grade are invited to Man Cave, 6:30-8:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. We meet with youth from Zion and Trinity for a devotion and games. Friends are welcome!

L2F2 Middle School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19, 12:45-2:00pm at King of Glory. We will make ornaments to share with home-centered friends and will have a white elephant gift exchange. Friends welcome!



L2F2 High School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19, 12:45-2:00pm at Zion. We will make, bake and decorate Christmas cookies to share with home-centered friends and will have a white elephant gift exchange. Friends welcome!



Loveland Lutherans Christmas Caroling



Sunday, December 19, begins at 2:30pm at Zion. Join us for a quick caroling rehearsal at Zion then we will break into groups and go out caroling

Joy to the World!

to home-centered friends delivering cookies and ornaments. All are welcome!

L2F2 Middle School Fun Night

No Middle School Fun Night in December because of Christmas break. **L2F2 Middle School Fun Night happens every 4th Tuesday.**

L2F2 High School Fun Night

No High School Fun Night in December because of Christmas break. **L2F2 High School Fun Night happens every 4th Tuesday.**

L2F2 High School Summer River Heroes Canoe Trip

- We have a few spots still available for our high school summer trip so sign up today! Dates of the trip are July 15-23, 2022. Contact Pastor Deb to sign up and turn in your \$100 deposit. Total cost of trip per youth is \$600, due by May 1.

Christmas Gifts Needed for Children and Youth



This season we are collecting Christmas gifts for children in our community! We need new unwrapped toys and new warm coats for children and restaurant and clothing gift cards for youth.

Leave your donations in the big red bins marked Santa's Workshop – Realities for Children in the Concourse by December 12. Thank you!

L2F2 Women's Retreat

Thirty-two women from Zion and King of Glory gathered around faith and fellowship for the L2F2 Women's Retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, October 22-24. The theme for the weekend, *Present Over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living*, came from the book by Shauna Niequist. The women learned from the author herself via a series of videos and group discussion questions. In addition to the learning sessions, the women also enjoyed the crisp mountain air, relaxing, painting "kindness" rocks, and connecting with each other.

Women are invited to delve deeper into this topic during the monthly meetings of **Woman to Woman** utilizing Niequist's book and companion guided journal. Woman to Woman is a monthly gathering of women from our Loveland Lutheran congregations for faith and fellowship. The group meets in different homes on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm for fellowship and 7:00pm discussion. For more information please contact Desi Boyce at drbt2006@msn.com or Pastor Deb at debabbottkog@gmail.com.



**Joint Loveland Lutherans
Longest Night Service
Tuesday, December 21 at
7:00pm at Trinity Lutheran
Church.** On the longest night of

the year you are invited to a special service that reflects on grief and loss during this holiday season. All are welcome to join in person or by zoom. Pr. Ruth Ann will be preaching.

**King of Glory Annual Meeting -
December 5 at 9:45am in the
Sanctuary**



The Sonrisers Christian Men's Reading Group is looking for men who like to read Christian/ spiritual books, meet on a weekly basis, and engage in discussion about the reading and their experiences.



We are currently meeting **via Zoom** on **Thursday mornings at 8:00am** for one hour, but soon will be meeting together in a place where we can engage in discussion over breakfast. Please contact **Nick Balogh** at **970-669-1072** or balogh@comcast.net for more information and the sign-on link. This is a great opportunity for growth and fellowship. Please give us a try!

Worship Volunteers - Sign Up Now!



Take a look at the **SignUp Genius** link (that comes in the weekly emails) for your opportunity to help in worship.

All you have to do is click on the Signup Genius (blue text is the link) and add your name for the service in which you would like to read the Lesson or do the prayers. You will get the lesson and prayers ahead of time so you may read over the scriptures & prayers and figure out any tricky pronunciations. Sound Operators are needed until we fill our Media staff position!

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:30am, and 10:45am

Sunday Adult Education – Have You Ever Wondered?

We're taking a break in December. Join in the other activities at 9:45am on Sunday mornings!

Coming in January: Have You Ever Wondered?

The class decided to continue our conversation about refugees for a couple more weeks. We would like to figure out ways to help. Some want to purchase needed items. Some want to advocate. Some want



to interact directly with refugees perhaps to tutor or pick up from the airport. Join the conversation on **Jan. 2 and 9** in the Fellowship Room at 9:45 am.

Then like last year, we will begin our new year of learning, by studying the Gospel assigned to Year C in the lectionary. That is the Gospel of Luke. Our Lectionary Cycle, that calendar by which our readings come, is three years in length. Each year focuses on one Gospel (Matthew, Mark and Luke) with John's Gospel used for high holy days such as Christmas Eve or Easter. Thus, we will dig into Luke and see what the unique characteristics of his Gospel are.

Here is a teaser.... Unlike the other Gospels, which jump right into the story of Jesus, Luke takes the very first four verses to explain why he is writing his book. We see right away; this Gospel is written for and to a particular person named Theophilus ('lover of God' or 'one whom God loves').

¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Luke wants his reader, Theophilus, to be fortified or strengthened by this particular story which is about to be told. In Luke we read the most details about Jesus' childhood and young life. Only in Luke is the parable of the Good Samaritan included. Mary sings her heart out in the Magnificat. Intrigued? You don't have to know it all. Just come and learn with everyone else! *Pastor Ruth Ann*

Thursday Morning Study

Thursday morning study meets each week at **9:30am** in the Fellowship Room, with a ZOOM link as well! We are now reading "The Book of Joy."

Lectio Divina is the prayer practice of engaging God's word. Join us on ZOOM, **Fridays at 1:00pm**. Look for the link in the Weekend devotion email.

**From Our Music Director!
Advent 2021 Season's Greetings!
Welcoming Christ through the
Traditions of Christmas!**

As we move into the Advent Season, starting November 28, 2021, we enter a liturgical season of preparation and anticipation of Christ's birth. Although a contemplative time for the church, it is also a time of tradition in our families,



homes, and in the church. We want to honor these traditions this Advent Season with congregants sharing with the church and with each other in preparing for Christmas. We have chosen familiar traditions for everyone to share and they are the following:

Advent 1 - November 27, 28—Each family may bring an ornament that they would traditionally put on their tree to be hung on the Advent tree at King of Glory. Please select an ornament that you would be willing to donate to the church that represents your family.

Advent 2 - December 4, 5—Bring a candle to share the Light of Christ. We will bring the Light into the church as we enter and then take the Light of Christ out into the world as we leave the church building.

Advent 3 - December 12—Oh, Christmas cookies!



No doughnuts this Sunday! Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies, we will be able to sample traditions from around the world, but that is not all...we will also decorate sugar cookies in between services. Preparing for the joy of Christ's birth and celebrating with family and friends helps with the anticipation of this miracle.

Advent 4 on Sunday, 10:00am worship

One service only this Sunday

December 18, 19—Where would we be in preparation without our traditional Carols? Yes, we do need to prepare this time-honored and well-loved tradition. While anticipating Christ's birth, we can prepare with the music surrounding His birth. It will be a time to dust off your memories with familiar melodies and meaningful lyrics about the journey to and joy in Christ's birth. This Magnificat Sunday will not only honor Mary, but also bring into sharper focus the anticipation toward Christmas and the Birth of Jesus.



- A Service of Lessons and Carols -

Advent is soon upon us and then...Christmas and all those wonderful carols that we love to sing!! In preparation for Christ's birth, we are offering a special service of Lessons and Carols on the fourth Sunday of Advent, **December 19 at 10:00am**. Yes, this is a change from the regular schedule, but this is also a special time in the life of the church. We will have groups of Glory Singers, Glory Ringers, children, soloists and congregational singing to emphasize the readings from the Bible about the Birth. So, mark your calendars and invite your

extended families for this wonderful morning of Lessons and Carols. See you there!

So, along with your prayers and Advent devotionals, become active in the life of the church, share your traditions with all of us, and "Prepare the way of the Lord."

In peace, Dr. Jane Andrews - Jea814@gmail.com

Order your Christmas Poinsettias Today! Please



fill out the pink form (found in the church concourse) and return to the office with a check for **\$11.00/each** payable to King of Glory (*with the memo space marked "for Poinsettias."*)

We must receive your reservation slip and your check to process your order. **All orders must be received by December 17.**

NOTE: The church office will be closed December 27-31 for staff vacations. We will be picking up mail for end of year contributions.



2021 Leadership Team

President: Eric Backsen
Vice President: Bryan French
Treasurer: Ron Lamb
Secretary: Judy Richardson
Jan DesJardin
Lynn Hamilton
Randy Pfeiff
Joe Sayers



Worship. Grow. Serve.

We are wrapping up our 2021 Annual Generosity Appeal as the last few Statement of Intent cards come in. 102 Statement of Intent cards have been returned for a total of pledged gifts of \$336,072. This successful appeal was due to all of you, members and friends of King of Glory. Thank you!

Our ministry initiatives are:

1. New and renewed Senior Ministries: We are already putting together what these programs could look like.
2. Outdoor Chapel renovation: to keep beautiful but safe our outdoor chapel space
3. Outreach to the Loveland Fire Department: this initiative was fully funded by several members. Thank you!

Your gifts and more fund ministry here at King of Glory. Youth find support and fellowship at Girl Talk and Confirmation. Bell Choir members are making fabulous music in this time. Our doors are open for AA members who need support to stay sober. God bless each and every household who was able to make a pledge. For those who put cash in the plate, we give thanks for your contributions as well.

There are still others who donate valuable time, commitment and energy to King of Glory. The Leadership Team and I thank you. We promise to be transparent with you.

Finally, I would also like to thank the Generosity Team for their hard but joyful work: Earle Solomonson, Liz Melton, and Kathy Cisar. Likewise, thank you to our temple talk speakers: Earle Solomonson, Lynn Hamilton, and Ron Nolan.
Pastor Ruth Ann

Important Pulse Update!

Pulse pulled the fiber underneath the west side of the parking lot then along the bushes alongside the outdoor chapel. Then they went along the north side of the property again behind the chapel. Finally, the fiber was pulled into the custodial closet! Randy Pfeiff, Eric Backsen, Ted Schmidt and Stettson Watson all pulled cable for our new phone system. We are now waiting for the phones to 'port' over. Staff and leadership team are excited this process is coming to a close. Our next big learning curve will be learning how to live-stream the worship service for those watching at home. Thank you for your patience in this process.

Extra Special News!

Christmas Carols and Soup for our Home-centered Members

On December 8th at 11:00am, we will have a short, early Christmas worship for our home-centered members who cannot drive to church. This will allow them to come into the building if they haven't been here for months. In case they have no family to bring them on Christmas Eve, they will be able to worship at King of Glory. It will also allow these dear members to partake of Holy Communion at the altar.

Then afterwards, we will have a simple soup lunch for fellowship time.

If you wish to help drive any of these folks to the building or help with the soup lunch, please contact Pastor Ruth Ann. (ruthann@aplace2grow.org)
Thank you!





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A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

*"As God's People, Graced by Differences, Nurtured by the Spirit,
and Gifted to Serve, We Invite and Welcome All to Grow in Faith."*



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December 2021

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(Saturday Dec. 18 – 5:30pm worship as usual)
Christmas Eve Worship -- 4:00pm & 7:00pm
December 25 – No Saturday worship
December 26 – 10:00am worship (one service)

The Messenger

